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THE BITTERSWEET END

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May Allah bless Shaykh Musa, protect him, preserve him, and all his loved ones. May He allow his work and efforts to be spread until the Day of Judgement, and make it weigh heavy on his scales.

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Today's topic concerns: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:
"O Abu Bakr, every people have a festival, and this is ours."
[Bukhari and Muslim]

Our lecture today, Alhamdullilah, will be about Eid. Eid has come. And Alhamdullilah, after the exhaustion of fasting and standing the night in prayer, we thank Allah and ask Him to [allow us] to persevere and persist in this worship, and to not expire this worship with the completion of Ramadan.

This is Eid, it has returned and come upon the Islamic Ummah, and a great joy will prevail for the Muslims — not everywhere, however we thank Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), it is from the symbols of Islam. There must be great joy on the day of Eid.

Muslims express [their joy] during this joyous holiday by celebrating. With the commencement of Eid, the tongues are devoted to magnifying Allah (to say Takbir, Allahu-Akbar, Allah is the Most Great) in the houses of Allah (Masajid), the streets, in every place.

For Alhamdullilah, Ramadan has ended -

(He wants that you) must complete the same number (of days), and that you must magnify Allah for having guided you so that you may be grateful to Him
[Surat Al-Baqarah: 185]

Meaning, it is upon us to thank Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) having aided us upon completing fasting and Qiyam. Eid is a great opportunity for forgiveness, pardoning, and forsaking enmity, and grudges from the heart. These things must be expelled from the hearts, and [be replaced] with reconciliation, goodwill, generosity, and visiting the family, close ones, and friends.

Eid is a truthful expression of this Ummah's relationship with the religion. Ramadan left, and some of the believers feel sorrow with the departure of this month, for it is a month better than a thousand months.

The night of Al-Qadr is better than a thousand months (i.e., worshiping Allah in that night is better than worshiping Him a thousand months, (i.e., 83 years and 4 months))
[Surat Al-Qadr: 3]

One month [will be equivalent to a thousand months], in which good deeds are written for a person generously. Because of this, some of the believers' hearts are sorrowful about the parting of this blessed month.

It was right before us, then it shortened and left. It left behind valuable lessons and admonitions. From Ramadan, [remember] every lesson and admonition, imploring Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), supplicating [to Him], the distress, and sorrow. Ramadan has departed and nothing is left for us from it except memories.

'Ali Ibn Abi Talib (رضي الله عنه) said:
'I wish I knew who was accepted in Ramadan so we may congratulate him. And who was deprived so we may console him [for his great loss].'

Meaning, has our Ramadan been accepted? Have we fulfilled [its rights] as Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) commanded us to? Are we upon the correct 'Aqeedah that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants?

I wish I knew who was accepted in Ramadan so we may congratulate him. And who was deprived so we may console him [for his great loss]. Lā Hawla walā Quwatta 'Illa Billāh (There is no power and no might except by Allah).

Ibn Mas'ud (رضي الله عنه) used to say:
O one whose Ramadan is accepted, congratulations to you,

O one whose Ramadan is rejected, may Allah amend your great loss and calamity.

O slaves of Allah, which month has departed from us?
Truly, we should weep over it tears of blood, if we but knew.
How can we not weep over a [blessed] month that passed while we were heedless?

Then we remain ignorant of whether or not we (our Ramadan) were accepted or rejected.
I wish I knew who was the deprived and rejected among us, and who was accepted from the ones who fasted among us, so he may be congratulated.

This was a month of light afore us that bloomed excellence.
So O Allah, make the result [of this month] for us be a light and excellence!

This day is a day of joy, the Muslims rejoice in this holiday for whoever has fasted and it was accepted from him - he should be delighted. Glad tidings for souls that have a reward from Allah on this joyous day.

It is incumbent upon the believer to remove the ill feelings from his heart, and forgive and pardon, and to meet the close and distant [relatives] always, for his reward is from Allah. The one who forgives, Allah will reward him on the Day of Judgement. For on that day, an angel will say, or a caller will say:

'Those whose reward is guaranteed by Allah should stand and enter Jannah.' After calling out a second time, someone will ask 'Who are these people?' It will be said, 'Those who would forgive people.' The caller will call out for the third time, 'Those whose reward is guaranteed by Allah should stand and enter Jannah.' Several thousand people will stand up and enter Jannah without accountability.'"
[Al Mu'jamul Awsat of Imam Tabarani, Hadith: 2019]

Meaning there were no ill feelings in their heart, that's the most important thing. So they will enter paradise with no accountability.

Do you want to be among them? Then forgive, pardon, and overlook from your heart, not just by way of speech. It is upon the believer that he removes the resentment, grudges, and ill feelings. For the heart is the focal point. If you are aright, it will be the most excellent thing in your body, or it will be the filthiest thing in your body.

Why? Because:

In the body there is a piece of flesh, and the whole body is sound if it is sound, but the whole body is corrupt if it is corrupt. It is the heart.
[Bukhari and Muslim]

One should treat others by overlooking [their faults and harm], and with beneficence. Always, the Muslim individual treats the Muslims [good], [and when he is harmed or wronged] he treats them contrary to the ill treatment he received. To those who wronged you, always forgive and pardon.

He who overlooks, will have [his faults] overlooked. And he who forgives, will be forgiven.

A story known to all, the grave slander committed against the Mother of the believers 'Aisha (رضي الله عنها), when this incident began, there was a companion called Mustih, he was close to Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه). Abu Bakr would give him charity - meaning his living expenses were from Abu Bakr.

When this man Mustih got involved in the slander against 'Aisha (رضي الله عنها), Abu Bakr ceased giving him charity. So the saying of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) descended:

Let them pardon and forgive. Do you not love that Allah should forgive you? (This verse descended for Abu Bakr) And Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

[Surat An-Nur: 22]

Abu Bakr responded: ‘Yes!’ So, he returned to giving him charity once more (رضي الله عنهم). Allah will snatch [any ill feelings, malice, resentment, or grudges] from these hearts, for they are the focal point of one’s body. Listen to this important Hadith. The Messenger (ﷺ) said:

"The disease of the nations before you is creeping towards you: Envy and hatred, it is the Haliqah. I do not speak of what cuts the hair, but what severs the religion. (Pay attention) By the One in Whose Hand is my soul! You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love each other. Shall I tell you about what will strengthen that for you? Spread the Salam among each other."
[Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2510]

The believing slave [should] aspire to spend their days dedicated [to worship]. For Ramadan has ended, and the worst of people only know Allah during Ramadan.

Let him dedicate himself to worship always, even after Ramadan has ended, [like] fasting the six days of Shawwaal. Many people do this, as Allah has increased their desire to do so (more worship and fasting).

The holidays of Muslims [consist of] Takbir, prayer, and charity from the rich to the poor. What blessing is greater and better than the fact that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guided us to Islam, and aided us upon fasting and standing the night in prayer. Alhamdullilah.

Verily Allah chose us for this great blessing, the Milla of Ibrahim (the way of Ibrahim) (عليه السلام).

I seek refuge in Allah from Satan the outcast
In the Name of Allah, the All-beneficent, the All-merciful.

And strive hard in Allah's Cause as you ought to strive (with sincerity and with all your efforts that His Name should be superior). He has chosen you (to convey His Message of Islamic Monotheism to mankind by inviting them to His religion, Islam), and has not laid upon you in religion any hardship, it is the religion of your father Ibrahim (Islamic Monotheism).

It is He (Allah) Who has named you Muslims both before and in this (the Qur'an), that the Messenger (Muhammad (ﷺ)) may be a witness over you and you be witnesses over mankind! So perform As-Salat, give Zakat and hold fast to Allah [i.e., have confidence in Allah, and depend upon Him in all your affairs] He is your Mawla (Patron, Lord, etc.),

He is your Mawla, what an Excellent Mawla and what an Excellent Helper!
[Surat Al-Hajj:78]

For the slave is a great joy with the end of this month (Eid). It is a holiday of good and blessings, expressing joy on [our] holidays is from the open symbols of the religion.

The sacred feeling from Ramadan still lingers in the hearts, as we mentioned [following] the fasting of Ramadan with [fasting] six days from the month of Shawwal, and rushing to fulfill them.

However do not stop at the six of Shawwal. Don't let anything stop you [from persevering in worship as you did in Ramadan]. There is [no limit] to how rich [in worship] you can be before Allah.

Allāhumma lā malja'a wa la manjā minka illā ilayk
O Allah, there is no refuge, and no escape, except to You.

You can leave anyone on this earth, however with Allah that is impossible. So do not put anything between you and the imploring [of Allah] you were doing in the last part of the night, for this is the practice of the righteous.

Allah descends to the lowest heaven and says, '*Who supplicates Me so that I may answer him? Who asks Me so that I may give to him? Who asks Me forgiveness so that I may forgive him?*' How many needs do we have? Why does He ask [us this]? So He (سبحانه وتعالى) may give us! If you ask He will give you.

And during this abundance of joy, there is also a feeling of bitterness, pain, and sorrow, for what we see our Muslim brothers and sisters enduring in every corner of the globe. [It may reach a point where] One cannot taste the joy and delight of Eid [when remembering the circumstances of our Muslim brothers and sisters].

Many Muslims [nowadays] are suffering, [whether it's] the devastating starvation or poverty. Many Muslims suffer from this, some die of starvation, not being able to find [anything] to quench their thirst.

And the bloodshed of Muslims is spilt in every place [as we see] in many pictures. And we see the horrifying, animalistic pictures [due to the actions] of the rulers of Muslim lands, the disbelievers, criminals, and oppressors.

This oppression is targeted solely on the Muslims. Some are forced out of their homes, they have no power or strength [to fight back]. The leaders and the law of the west, by Allah they have transgressed in the lands. They oppressed, transgressed, and tyrannized in the lands. O Allah pour on them different kinds of severe torment.

This is the state of Muslims.

Concerning this occasion (of Eid), the father must be merciful and soft with his children. He should make them feel that we (as Muslims) have a holiday. Instead of having them celebrate these existing holidays [that belong to the disbelievers]. Some of the Muslims partake in the Christians holidays [in one way or another].

The father must make his child feel that this is a holiday, a joy, and an opportunity for cultivating hope, happiness, and cheerfulness in hearts wounded with desperation, encompassed with hopelessness, degraded with starvation, miserable from destitution, and tragic after the bitterness of our era.

And if tribulations happen upon Muslims, then Allah remains a refuge all throughout. And if hostility strikes Muslims, Allah's blessings are abundant, for the Ummah is in great need of hope which leads to action.

There is no path that achieves this, except that which 'Umar (رضي الله عنه) said, his famous saying: '*We are a people, Allah gave us honor through Islam. If we ever seek honor through anything else, Allah will humiliate us.*'

Islam is the only way, the correct 'Aqeedah. Many people pray, fast, and do good, however if their Aqeedah is not correct:

And We shall turn to whatever deeds they (disbelievers, polytheists, sinners, etc.) did, and We shall make such deeds as scattered floating particles of dust.
[Surat Al-Furqan 23]

If there is no correct Aqeedah, no matter what you do, it will not be accepted! The correct Aqeedah with the following of Abu Bakr, 'Umar, 'Uthman, Ali (رضي الله عنهم), Talha, Zubayr, and all of them! For they are the ones that safeguarded the religion for us, and delivered it to us.

The religion is: Allah said, His Messenger said, and the Sahabah said. However the destructive thoughts [people have] nowadays, will neither nourish nor avail against hunger. The Muslims are humiliated everywhere today, like what happened in Al-Andalus.

Yesterday they were kings in their homes

And today they are slaves in the lands of disbelievers
Therefore, if you were to see them perplexed with no one to guide them, They will be wearing the clothing of shame in different shades

And if you were to see their cries as they're being sold [into slavery], Then your world would come crumbling down and you'd be overtaken with grief

O My Lord [what a scene that] a mother and child are separated, just as the soul is separated from the body

And a young girl like the shining sun when it rises, just as if they were pearls and sapphires

The disbeliever leads her to that which is hated under duress, while the eyes flow with tears and the hearts are perplexed

To this, the hearts melt from dejection, if this heart had any Islam or Belief [in Allah and the Last Day].